

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were fifty-four people in the audience and one member of the press in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Gayle Campbell recorded the Roll Call. Those present and responding were Trustees Tom Kataras, Barbara Dawkins, Lisa Purcell, Anne Colton, Jay Heiferman, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Acting Village Manager Jim Marino, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich and Director of Public Works John Schaefer.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Colton, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in the amount of \$139,900.09. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment of Bill Woelfel to the Rail Committee for a term ending 1/08/2015. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Mr. Woelfel was not present and will be sworn in at a later date.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: No one came forward.

PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION R-2122 / JOHN SCHAEFER / 30 YEARS OF SERVICE / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Colton to pass a resolution honoring John Schaefer for 30 years of service to the

Village of Homewood. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Village Clerk Campbell read the resolution honoring and commending Public Works Director John Schaefer for thirty years of service to the Village of Homewood.

The Board and audience extended congratulations to Director Schaefer for his years of service to the Village.

**CERTIFICATES OF HONOR / FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Grabowski stated the Certificate of Honor is the second highest award that can be given by a fire chief. This award is presented to individuals that participated in emergency situations involving personal bravery or the saving of a life.

Fire Chief Grabowski and Deputy Fire Chief Johnson presented Certificates of Honor to Matthew Moran, Kevin Wake, Steven Gutzmer, William Wright, John Elashik, Jr., Ryan Schneider, Emilie Wadman, and Steven DeJong for their role in the resuscitation of cardiac patients and to Timothy Cameron, Lawrence Lipinski, Jason Presnak, Ryan Tracy, Steven Gutzmer and Bryan Wolfe for their role in an ice dive rescue.

The Board and audience extended congratulations to these recipients and thanked them for their service to the Fire Department.

**911 HERO AWARD / FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:** Fire Chief Grabowski presented the 9-1-1 Hero Award to seven year old Ava Petrovic for her outstanding job calling 911 when her mother fell ill.

The Board and audience extended congratulations to Ms. Petrovic.

**HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE:** No one came forward.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**OMNIBUS VOTE:** Village Clerk Campbell read the following for the Board's consideration:

- A. **BID AWARD - BRICK PAVER RESETTING:** Award the bid for the Brick Paver Resetting Project in the Central Business District to Construction & Design Group, Inc., Westchester, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder, at a unit price per square foot of \$4.88, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
  
- B. **BID WAIVER / EMERGENCY PURCHASE - SECURITY CAMERA EQUIPMENT:** Waiving competitive bidding requirements because of an emergency purchase and authorize the purchase and installation of wireless connectivity security cameras in the amount of \$14,425.00.

- C. RESOLUTION R-2123 / NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (NIMEC) POOL – STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICITY PURCHASE: A resolution authorizing the Village Manager or Finance Director to contract for the purchase of electricity for street lighting.
- D. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) NEW MURAL PROJECT:
- i. AGREEMENT - RICHARD J. HAAS: An agreement between the Village of Homewood and Richard J. Haas for artist services with respect to three new murals in the CBD in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00.
  - ii. AGREEMENT - THOMAS MELVIN PAINTING STUDIO: An agreement between the Village of Homewood and Thomas Melvin Painting Studio for painting services with respect to three new murals in the CBD in an amount not to exceed \$75,150.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass, approve, accept or award the Omnibus Vote items “A” through ”D” as presented. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CLASS 4A LIQUOR LICENSES/THE COTTAGE ON DIXIE: Finance Director Bubenik led in the discussion of increasing the number of Class 4A, 75/25 restaurant with bar, liquor licenses to accommodate a request from The Cottage on Dixie for their proposed location at 18849 Dixie Highway.

Owner Glenna Everly was present to answer questions from the Board. She stated they will open in October or November, 2012 and are every excited to be in Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to direct staff to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code to increase the number of Class 4A liquor licenses from two to three. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

TIF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS / THE COTTAGE / 18849 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Mr. and Mrs. Everly, on behalf of GFE Holdings Corporation, owner of property located at 18849 Dixie Highway, for financial assistance through the Retail Enhancement, Façade and Property Improvement and Go Green TIF programs to renovate the former Baker’s Square Restaurant for a new restaurant named The Cottage.

Mrs. Everly informed the Board their restaurant will offer an expensive variety of gourmet food and hope to attract residents from surrounding communities as well as Chicago.

Due to the limited funds in the TIF fund staff recommended funding for the project to be calculated as a percentage of acquisitions cost up to fifty percent rather than a reflection of improvement costs as outlined in the existing programs. The obligations of the applicant will remain the same under both programs scenarios. The applicant must complete the work in a timely fashion and the business must remain open for three years or one hundred percent of the funding must be repaid.

Trustee Kataras expressed concerns of their lack of restaurant experience and asked if their marketing study include data of support from surrounding communities. He stated he liked the TIF payments being made over a three year period but would prefer to see the monies equally divided between the three years. He also had concerns of repayment if GFE Holding Corporation goes under.

Mrs. Everly stated their chef and general manager both have years of restaurant experience.

Director Wallrich added most of their expenses will be in the first year. This is why the largest amount of the payments is scheduled in the first year.

Trustee Dawkins stated the south suburbs and Homewood can support this type of restaurant and the Everly's are investing more money that the Village is.

Trustee Purcell stated they are investing in our community.

Trustee Colton expressed concerns of this depleting the TIF fund. Village President Hofeld stated it would not.

Trustee Heiferman stated this is a good use of TIF funds.

Trustee Robertson hoped this will generate other projects in the Southgate area.

The Board stated they are a welcomed addition to Homewood.

**APPROVAL:** A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve an application by Mr. and Mrs. Everly, on behalf of GFE Holding Corporation, for a TIF incentive through the Southgate TIF District for property located at 18849 Dixie Highway, with direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the applicant in an amount not to exceed \$212,500. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.***

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Acting Village Manager Marino had nothing further to report.

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** No comments were made.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Colton, to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment and compensation of a

specific employee or employees. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The Board took a short recess at 8:18 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session and returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Robertson to adjourn. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

/s/ Gayle Campbell  
Village Clerk